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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information:

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/013672, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-257379, together with an English language Abstract of the same.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,801,493 to ANTONIS et al., which issued on September 1, 1998, and patent family member Japanese PCT International Patent Application Translation No. HEI 11-501152, which corresponds to International Application Publication No. WO 97/23895, of which an English language Abstract is included. Applicants note that the Japanese document is also cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application.
- (3) Japanese Patent Publication No. SHO 53-105076, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following document.

- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,066,921 to NAKAMURA et al., which issued on May 23, 2000.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

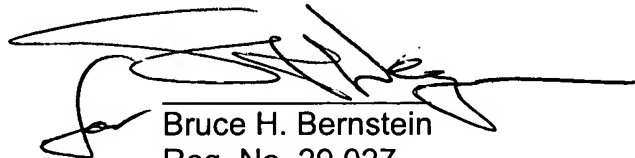
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of

the above-noted documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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	1	English language Abstract of JP 2003-257379.
	2	English language Abstract of JP 53-105076.

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